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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SUNG-MAN LEE, ET AL.

FOR: METHOD FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PERFORMANCE OF SI THIN FILM ANODE FOR LITHIUM RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the Examiner acting in the above-referenced application, please preliminary amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.